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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, WE INFORMED EGYPTIANS EARLY APRIL 10 THAT US COULD NOT ACCEPT SELECTIVE REFERENCE TO SOME, BUT NOT ALL, PREVIOUS UNEF RESOLUTIONS. WE SAID WE BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT THAT PREAMBLE RECALL ALL RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE IN RENEWING PEACEKEEPING FORCE MANDATES.

2. EGYPTIAN AMB MEGUID AGREED TO OUR PROPOSAL AFTER CONSIDERABLE DELIBERATION--AND POSSIBLE TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH CAIRO. IN LATE MORNING, HE INFORMED SC PRESIDENT OF HIS DECISION. UNFORTUNATELY, HE INFORMED ONLY TWO OF NON-ALIGNED CO-SPONSORS (TANZANIA AND CAMEROON) DESPITE ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD PASS WORD TO ALL FIVE. CONSEQUENCES WAS CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION AT AFTERNOON SC CONSULTATIONS, AS SONE NON-ALIGNED CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN PREVIOUS EGYPTIAN POSITION FAVORING SELECTIVE REFERENCES.

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3. FOCUS OF CONSULTATIONS WAS ON QUESTION OF WHICH RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE RECALLED, ALL MEMBERS AGREEING TO THREE MONTH DURATION AND OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS OF RESOLUTION. (USSR AMB MALIK, UNCHARACTERISTICALLY RETICENT DURING DISCUSSION, PROPOSED ONLY THAT SPECIFIC DATE OF MANDATE'S TERMINATION BE ADDED AFTER OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH (B), SO THAT IT WOULD END, "I.E., UNTIL JULY 24, 1975." BRITISH, AT OUR REQUEST, LED OFF DISCUSSION BY ASKING WHY ALL RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS SHOULD NOT BE REFERRED TO. SWEDEN AGREED IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE PROPER SEQUENCE OF SC DECISIONS RECORDED IN THE RESOLUTION, BUT THOUGHT RESOLUTION 346 DID NOT HAVE TO BE MENTIONED SINCE IT WAS CONVERGED BY REFERENCE TO IT IN RESOLUTION 362. AMB BENNETT SAID US WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITH RESOLUTION RECALLING FULL HISTORY OF ESTABLISHMENT AND EXTENSIONS OF UNEF. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MISTAKE TO DEPART FROM PAST PEACEKEEPING PRACTICE, AND CONCLUDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PARTIES TO DISPUTE HAD NOT OBJECTION TO RECALLING FULL RANGE OF RESOLUTIONS.

4. SC PRESIDENT SAID HE ALSO HAD IMPRESSION THAT REFERRING TO ALL PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS "WOULD NOT MEET WITH PARTIES' OPPOSITION." HE SUGGESTED THAT NON-ALIGNED CONFER AGAIN ON THIS POINT AND ON INCLUSION OF MALIK'S ADDITION, AND PREPARE A REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION. IT WAS DECIDED THAT NEW DRAFT WOULD BE CIRCULATED BEFORE FURTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

5. AFTER CONSULTATIONS, AMB MEGUID CALLED AMB BENNETT TO SAY HE HAD NOW INFORMED ALL NON-ALIGNED SC MEMBERS THAT HE COULD AGREE TO RECALLING ALL PREVIOUS RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS. HE SAID HE HAD REFERRED QUESTION TO CAIRO, BUT ANTICIPATED NO DIFFICULTY. BENNETT EXPRESSED SINCERE THANKS FOR EGYPTIAN COOPERATION.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE UNFORTUNATE COMMUNICATION LAPSE BETWEEN EGYPTIANS AND NON-ALIGNED, PROBLEM SEEMS WELL ON WAY TO BEING SOLVED. ATMOSPHERE IN SC CONSULTATIONS WAS HARMONIOUS, WITH SEVERAL NON-ALIGNED, ESPECIALLY TANZANIA, MAKING AND REITERATING POINT THAT THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS WORKING PAPER SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN ACCORD WITH VIEWS OF

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OTHER MEMBERS. ISRAELI MISSION HAS BEEN DEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT DAY.
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